PATENT



On page 1, please amend the first paragraph as follows:

The present Application is a Continuation Application of commonly owned, copending U.S. Patent Application No. 09/608,245 entitled "SYSTEMS AND METHODS WHEREIN A LOTTERY NUMBER COMBINATION IS ASSOCIATED WITH A LIMITED NUMBER OF OCCURRENCES", filed June 30, 2000 in the name of Tulley et al., which issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,688,976 Bl on February 10, 2004. The entirety of the above-referenced Application is incorporated by reference herein for all purposes.